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DEPT FOR NEA/ARP AMBASSADOR TWINAM AND A--MR. CLARK

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: OVIP (ROCKEFELLER, NELSON A.)
SUBJ: ROCKEFELLER VISIT

REF: (A) TELCONS WITH TWINAM AND CLARK, APRIL 7, (B) KUWAIT 1812,
(C) STATE 75091

1. I CONTACTED MOHAMMAD AL-ARADI, UNDER SECRETARY OF AMIRI
DIWAN, APRIL 8 TO INQUIRE RE ARRANGEMENTS AMIRI DIWAN MAY HAVE
MADE FOR VISIT OF FORMER VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER
TO KUWAIT APRIL 24-26. AL-ARADI INFORMED ME THAT AMIR HAD BEEN
NOTIFIED BY GOVERNOR ROCKEFELLER OF THIS PRIVATE VISIT AND
HAD GRANTED HIM AN APPOINTMENT AT 0930 HOURS APRIL 25.

2. IN RESPONSE TO MY QUERIES, AL-ARADI SAID THAT AN OFFICIAL
OF THE AMIRI DIWAN AND KHALID ABU SAUD, FINANCIAL ADVISOR TO
THE AMIR, WOULD MEET ROCKEFELLER PARTY AT AIRPORT. GOK WOULD
PROVIDE TRANSPORTATION FROM AIRPORT TO HILTON HOTEL (AND RETURN
ON THEIR DEPARTURE) WHERE IT WAS UNDERSTOOD RESERVATIONS HAD
BEEN MADE PRIVATELY. (THESE RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED
BY HILTON HOTEL.) OTHERWISE, NO RPT. NO OTHER EVENTS HAVE
BEEN SCHEDULED FOR THE ROCKEFELLERS BY THE AMIRI DIWAN.

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3. AL-ARADI INDICATED THAT AMBASSADOR WOULD BE WELCOME AT
AIRPORT TO MEET FORMER VICE PRESIDENT AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER.
MRS. MAESTRONE AND I THEREFORE PROPOSE TO BE THERE. SINCE THERE
ARE NO OTHER EVENTS SCHEDULED FOR ROCKEFELLERS BESIDES
APPOINTMENT WITH AMIR, MRS. MAESTRONE AND I WOULD LIKE TO
HOST A DINNER OR RECEPTION FOR GOVERNOR AND MRS. ROCKEFELLER
APRIL 25 TO WHICH WE WOULD INVITE NUMBER OF KUWAITI OFFICIALS

AND PROMINENT BUSINESSMEN, IF THIS IS AGREEABLE. IF THE ROCKEFELLERS ARE NOT TOO TIRED THE EVENING OF THEIR ARRIVAL (APRIL 24), WE WOULD ALSO BE HAPPY TO HAVE THEM FOR A PRIVATE INFORMAL DINNER. (THE HILTON HOTEL IS LOCATED ACROSS THE STREET FROM THE EMBASSY AND RESIDENCE.) I COULD PROVIDE BRIEFING THEN OR FOLLOWING MORNING, IF DESIRED. ALSO, AMIRI DIWAN READY TO MAKE APPOINTMENTS WITH KUWAIT MINISTERS AND OFFICIALS AT REQUEST OF GOVERNOR (OR EMBASSY). IF MRS. ROCKEFELLER DESIRES, MRS. MAESTRONE COULD MAKE ARRANGEMENTS FOR SHOPPING TOUR OR OTHER VISITS.

4. NEITHER AL-ARADI NOR I ARE AWARE OF ANY OTHER ARRANGEMENTS MADE PRIVATELY BY THE ROCKEFELLERS FOR THEIR STAY IN KUWAIT. IF THIS IS THE CASE, OF COURSE, WE WOULD NOT WISH TO INTERFERE.

5. A - CLARK INDICATED THAT HE WOULD CONTACT ROCKEFELLER ADVANCE MAN CANZERI, WHO HE BELIEVED WAS IN IZMIR, AND ASK HIM TO TELEPHONE ME WITH REGARD TO THE ROCKEFELLER SCHEDULE. I WOULD APPRECIATE VERY MUCH IF THE DEPT. COULD ARRANGE FOR SOME CONTACT TO BE MADE WITH THE EMBASSY EITHER BY CANZERI OR THE ROCKEFELLER OFFICE IN NEW YORK, OR OTHERWISE INFORM ME IF THE SUGGESTIONS MADE ABOVE ARE AGREEABLE. AGAIN, WHILE I DO NOT WISH TO INTERFERE IN A PRIVATE VISIT, I BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST INAPPROPRIATE FOR THE FORMER VICE PRESIDENT OF THE U.S. TO COME TO KUWAIT WITHOUT ANY ACKNOWLEDGEMENT BY THE AMERICAN EMBASSY. I BELIEVE THE KUWAITIS WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ALSO CONSIDER THIS RATHER STRANGE.
MAESTRONE

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